

Montana State Parks P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701 April 26, 2010

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana State Parks is proposing to implement a campsite reservation program at up to 21 state parks throughout the state. The new program would go into effect in early 2011 in time for the summer recreation season. The initial plan is to provide the public with the option and opportunity to make campsite reservations at any of the 21 park locations via the Internet and a staffed call-center. Some campsites at each park will remain on a "first-come, first served" basis.

The desire by visitors to Montana State Parks to make campsite reservations prior to their visit is the most common service request received by Montana State Park and other FWP Department staff each year.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been written for the proposed implementation of the campsite reservation program. The EA and can be accessed at <a href="mailto:fwp.mt.gov">fwp.mt.gov</a>. Under State Parks, click on Campsite Reservation Proposal. The public comment period will be open from April 26, 2010 through May 18, 2010. Please submit any comments that you have by 5:00 P.M., May 18, 2010 to the Montana State Parks address listed above, Attn: Campsite Reservation Program, or by e-mailing your comments to <a href="mailto:CampReservations@mt.gov">CampReservations@mt.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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